
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Executive Order 74

INCLUSION OF LEE COUNTY IN THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE COUNTIES OF TAZEWELL AND RUSSELL DUE TO THE EFFECTS OF SIGNIFICANT FLOODING

On May 25, 2004, I issued Executive Order Number 73, declaring a state of emergency to exist for the counties of Tazewell and Russell based on reported damages and dangerous conditions caused by flash flooding. On May 28, 2004, as the storm system continued throughout Southwest Virginia, a tornado destroyed homes in Lee County. The tornado resulted from the continuation of the weather pattern that caused the earlier flash floods in Tazewell County and Russell County.

The health and general welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth required that state action be taken to help alleviate the conditions which resulted from this situation. I also found that the impact of these storms, including the tornado in Lee County, constituted a natural disaster wherein human life and public and private property were imperiled, as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia*.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, as Governor and as Director of Emergency Management, and subject always to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby amend those orders and directives contained in Executive Order 73 to include Lee County.

This Executive Order shall be effective June 3, 2004, and shall remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2005, unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order. Termination of the Executive Order is not intended to terminate any Federal-type benefits granted or to be granted due to injury or death as a result of service under this Executive Order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 3rd day of June, 2004.

Mark R. Warner, Governor

Attest:

Secretary of the Commonwealth